



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT**  
Nobumitsu OKAZAKI et al. : **Confirmation No. 4078**  
Serial No. 10/617,790 : **Docket No. 2003\_0952A**  
Filed July 14, 2003 : **Group Art Unit 3676**  
GASKET : **Examiner A. K. PICKARD**

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 26, 2004, the time for responding thereto being extended for three months in accordance with a Petition for Extension submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: